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TAGS: PBOR, PINT, SO, KE

SUBJ: ANOTHER SOMALI DEFECTOR EXCORIATES BARRE REGIME

1. AT NAIROBI PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 28 OSMAN ABSHIR EGAL, WHO UNTIL RECENT DEFECTION TO KENYA HAD BEEN FIRST SECRETARY OF SOMALI EMBASSY IN KAMPALA, BITTERLY CRITICIZED BRUTALITY OF BARRE REGIME. EGAL TOLD PRESS HE WAS BARRE'S NEPHEW. HE ACCUSED BARRE REGIME OF REIGN OF TERROR INVOLVING DETENTION OF LEADING POLITICAL FIGURES WITHOUT TRIAL AND IN INHUMAN CONDITIONS. HE APPEALED TO ARAB AND WESTERN NATIONS TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE TO END EXECUTIONS AND TORTURE OF HUNDREDS OF SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS, WHICH HE ALLEGED HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE ABORTIVE APRIL COUP ATTEMPT.

2. EGAL ALSO ASSERTED THAT CORRUPTION WAS RIFE IN SOMALIA. HE CALLED ON ARAB AND WESTERN NATIONS TO STOP FINANCIAL AID WHICH BARRE, HE SAID, WAS STASHING AWAY IN FOREIGN BANK ACCOUNTS. EGAL ALSO ACCUSED BARRE OF NEPOTISM.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION EGAL EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR ALL PEOPLE INVOLVED IN STRUGGLES TO ATTAIN SELF-  
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DETERMINATION, INCLUDING SOMALIA FIGHTING IN OGADEN. HE DECLINED TO ANSWER A QUESTION RELATED TO SOMALI ASPIRATIONS FOR A GREATER SOMALIA, BUT DENIED THAT SHIFTAS WERE CURRENTLY OPERATING AGAINST KENYA.

4. A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF KENYA POLICE WHO INTRODUCED EGAL AT PRESS CONFERENCE SAID THAT EGAL HOLDS M.A. IN

INTERNATIONAL LAW FROM SOVIET UNIVERSITY WHERE HE  
STUDIED BETWEEN 1964 AND 1970. THE POLICE OFFICIAL  
INDICATED THAT EGAL AND HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN HAD  
REQUESTED POLITICAL ASYLUM IN KENYA AND THAT THEIR  
REQUEST WAS BEING CONSIDERED.

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